



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1652
PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sigeyuki YOKOYAMA *et al.*

Application No.: 09/697,186

Filed: October 27, 2000

For: A MUTANT KANAMYCIN
NUCLEOTIDYLTRANSFERASE
AND A METHOD OF SCREENING
THERMOPHILIC BACTERIA USING
THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Ketter 1600/2900

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, the period for response having been extended to September 4, 2003 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

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